

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 13, 2014

Agenda Item: 2014 – 2015 General Hunting Regulations

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Final Action

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

Season frameworks are adopted biennially for most game species. This happens every other winter with adoptions in December and Final adoptions in February. Most of the changes are organized, presented and logically considered by individual species or species groups. The changes presented here apply to all species.

For 2014-15, FWP proposes two overall changes to hunting season frameworks:

Prohibition on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) for hunting.

Require hunters to report and return radio-collars, ear tags, bands, and other marks found on harvested animals.

These final proposals are unchanged from the tentative proposals.

Public Involvement Process & Results

In addition to public comment at the Dec. 12 Commission meeting, public comment ran through 5 p.m., Jan. 24, 2014. Comments and a comment summary were forwarded to the Commission.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2013 (status quo).

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Rationales for individual proposals have been included in Commission information packets and may be further articulated at the Feb. 13 Commission meeting.

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission adopt the final changes as presented by FWP.